(b) whether Government propose to take any effective steps to protect the interests of the patients; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No patient is put on floor for treatment in the Orthopaedic Department of Safdarjung Hospital. Appropriate facilities are available for the patient care in the OPD as well as IPD.

Proposal pending for setting up of integerated Primary Health Care System

2558. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that a proposal to seek World Bank assistance to the tune of Rs. 7.90 crore to set up an Integrated Primary Health Care System is pending with his Ministry; and

(b) the present stage of consideration of this proposal and by when a final decision in the matter is expected?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State Government of 'Karnataka has submitted a project proposal on Karnataka Integrated Health Nutrition and Family Welfare Services Development Project' with an outlay of Rs.790 crores for World Bank assistance. It has been forwarded to the Planning Commission for comments on 11-9-2000.

Family welfare linked Health Insurance Plan

2559. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a family welfare linked health insurance plan for persons below the proverty line (BPL) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when it is likely to be introduced;

(d) whether Government also propose to extend this scheme to other sections of the population including senior citizens; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The National Population Policy, 2000 envisages the formulation of Family Welfare Linked Health Insurance Plan a motivational measure, for wider adoption of the small family norm, by couples below the proverty line.

The Institute of Health Systems, Hyderabad, is in the process of designing a Family Welfare Linked Health Insurance Scheme. The same will be examined for adoption after having widespread consultation with related Govt. and Non-Govt. agencies. There is no proposal to extend the scheme to other sections of the population, including senior citizens.

Funds for CGHS dispensary in Vasant Vihar

†2560. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plot allotted for the construction of CGHS Dispensary at CPWD Housing Complex, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi has been lying unused for the past several years due to paucity of funds;

(b) if so, the when the funds for the construction work is likely to be released; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) to (c) The building drawings for construction of CGHS dispensary at CPWD Housing Complex, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, have been approved and submitted to the CPWD for preparation of preliminary estimates. Only after the receipt of the estimates form the CPWD can the process be initiated for issue of sanction for construction of the said bulding.

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